GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Committed irregularities in CPWS Scheme to Puttaparthy and Kothacheruvu areas in Anantapuramu District – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri T.Rangaiah, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam of Sri Sathya Sai District and presently working as Personal Assistant to Superintending. Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Anantapuramu District under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 –Articles of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 703 **Dated: 11-12-2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.03 (C.No.724-3/V&E/E/2015), dated:05.05.2022.
2. From the ENC, RWS&S Lr No VIG (IV)/RWS&S/V&E-3/2023, dt:01/04/2024.
3. G. O. Rt. No.702, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept, dt: 11/12/2024.

Order :-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri T.Rangaiah, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam of Sri Sathya Sai District and presently working as Personal Assistant to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Anantapuramu District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri T.Rangaiah, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam of Sri Sathya Sai District and presently working as Personal Assistant to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Anantapuramu District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this Memorandum a written statement of her defense.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri T.Rangaiah, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam of Sri Sathya Sai District and presently working as Personal Assistant to Superintending

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Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Anantapuramu District is further informed that, if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte, based on the material available on record.

6. The attention of Sri T.Rangaiah, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam of Sri Sathya Sai District and presently working as Personal Assistant to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Anantapuramu District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall being or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these Proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri T.Rangaiah, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam of Sri Sathya Sai District and presently working as Personal Assistant to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Anantapuramu District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at him instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

7. The receipt of the proceedings shall be acknowledged along with Annexure- I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri T.Rangaiah, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam of Sri Sathya Sai District and presently working as Personal Assistant to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Anantapuramu District (w.e) through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same for record)

Copy to:
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development(Est.II) Department.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC, Velagapudi.

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI T.RANGAIAH, THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUB-DIVISION, BUKKAPATNAM OF SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT CIRCLE, ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT

CHARGE: -

That Sri T.Rangaiah, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam of Sri Sathya Sai District and presently working as Personal Assistant to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Anantapuramu District. He has check measured and allowed the substandard quality of Cement Concrete work in violation of IS 456- 2000. Thereby an amount of Rs.1,99,425/- loss occurred to the Government.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI T.RANGAIAH, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUB-DIVISION, BUKKAPATNAM OF SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT CIRCLE, ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT

BASIS :-

The Director General (Vig. & Enft.), General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department in Vigilance Report No.03 (C.No.724-3/V&E/E/2015), dt.05.05.2022 has submitted a detailed report on the Confidential Probe on the verification of work "CPWS Scheme to Puttaparthy and Kothacheruvu areas in Ananthapuramu District" of Penukonda Division, undivided Anantapuram District. In his enquiry report, the Director General (V&E) has reported to the Government that 1) As per Clause 17.4.3 of IS 456-2000, concrete in the member represented by a core test shall be considered acceptable if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores is equal to at least 85 percent of the cube strength of the M30 grade concrete specified for the corresponding age and no individual core has a strength less than 75 percent for the Concrete structures like 20Kl OHSR at Seekayakuntapalli, 20Kl OHSR at DD Kottala, 20Kl OHSR at Paipalli, Puttaparthy (M), 20 Kl OHSR at Gone Naik Thanda, Puttaparthy (M). Sri C.Sreeramulu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Ananthapuram District has check measured for substandard quality of Concrete work in violation of IS 456-2000 for which an amount of Rs.1,99,425/- loss to the Government exchequer. From this, it is evident that Sri C.Sreeramulu, Deputy Executive Engineer has violated Rules 3(1), 3(2) & 3(5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 for lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity, lack of impartially and for behaving in a manner unbecoming of a Government employee and for not taking all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of all Government servants for the time being under his control and authority.

Sri C.Sreeramulu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam (presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Ananthapuram) has submitted his Written Statement of Defense stating that he joined as Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam on 30.11.2015. By the time of his joining, the item of work was already completed and he was not involved or executed the item of work (up to RCC vertical column) where the place of core cutting was taken for testing. In view of this, the question of check measurement & allowed substandard quality of work does not arise in the above said four works. During his period, he had continued the further work and completed in all respects by 31.03.2016 and commissioned the work and supplied the drinking water to the public. He has therefore, submitted that the contents of the charge and allegation do not relate to him and the charge is not relevant to him and requested to drop the charge.

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The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department vide their letter, dt:01.04.2024 has furnished the incumbency Particulars of the Deputy Executive Engineer predecessor to Sri C.Sreeramulu, Deputy Executive Engineer, who have worked in Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam, since inception of the work "CPWS Scheme to Puttaparthi and Kothacheruvu areas in Ananthapuramu District of Penukonda Division up to 30.11.2015. One of those is Sri T.Rangaiah, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam of Sri Sathya Sai District and presently working as Personal Assistant to Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Anantapuramu District.

Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI T.RANGAIAH, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUB-DIVISION, BUKKAPATNAM OF SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT CIRCLE, ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT.

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.03 (C.No.724-3/V&E/E/2015), dt:05.05.2022.
2. From the ENC, RWS&S, Lr. No.VIG (IV)/RWS&S/V&E-3/2023, dt:01/04/2024.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI T.RANGAIAH, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUB-DIVISION, BUKKAPATNAM OF SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT CIRCLE, ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT.

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SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
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